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\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

### **OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

I James P. Burke		, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my knowledge and belief the accompanying	g financial statement and suppo	<del></del>
Sage, Rutty &mCo., Inc.		, as
of December 31	20.03 are t	rue and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
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classified solely as that of a customer, exce	pt as follows.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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This report ** contains (check all applicable	e boxes):	
(a) Facing Page.		
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(f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities		
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(1) An Oath or Affirmation.		
(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental I	Report.	·
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Rule 17a-5 (under separa	ate cover).	

Sage, Rutty & Co., Inc. Financial Statements

**December 31, 2003 and 2002** 

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#### Report of Independent Auditors

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders Sage, Rutty & Co., Inc.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of financial condition and the related statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and of cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Sage, Rutty & Co., Inc. at December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedules I and II is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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January 16, 2004

## Sage, Rutty & Co., Inc. Statements of Financial Condition December 31, 2003 and 2002

	2003	2002
Assets		
Cash	\$ 809,844	\$ 1,241,908
Firm margin deposit	234,511	263,058
Receivable from brokers and dealers	204,708	177,337
Securities in Firm account, at market	2,764,327	2,384,713
Deposits and other assets	272,648	277,493
Fixed assets, less accumulated depreciation	188,488	248,789
Total assets	\$ 4,474,526	\$ 4,593,298
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity Liabilities		
Payable to brokers and dealers	\$ 1,137,483	\$ 1,624,623
Accrued compensation and related taxes	139,817	99,373
Accrued profit sharing	40,000	60,000
Dividends Payable	-	66,800
Other liabilities	5,000	5,000
Income taxes payable	21,753	38,140
Deferred tax liability, net	96,930	43,820
Total liabilities	1,440,983	1,937,756
Shareholders' equity Common stock - no par value; authorized 1,000 shares;		
820 shares issued	261,743	261,743
Retained earnings	3,777,633	3,399,632
	4,039,376	3,661,375
Less: Treasury stock, at cost, 172 shares	(1,005,833)	(1,005,833)
Total shareholders' equity	3,033,543	2,655,542
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 4,474,526	\$ 4,593,298

## Sage, Rutty & Co., Inc. Statements of Income Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

	2003	2002
Revenues		
Income on securities transactions	\$ 1,078,504	\$ 878,464
Commissions and fees	4,779,123	5,145,534
Interest and dividends	88,285	154,586
Other income	20,283	51,914
	5,966,195	6,230,498
Expenses		
Employee compensation, payroll taxes and benefits	3,918,249	4,360,863
Securities clearing expense	171,488	199,636
Communications	351,635	366,501
Occupancy	451,095	465,954
Interest	31,982	38,540
Other operating expenses	513,429	462,682
	5,437,878	5,894,176
Income before provision for income taxes	528,317	336,322
Provision for income taxes	150,316	95,275
Net income	\$ 378,001	\$ 241,047

## Sage, Rutty & Co., Inc. Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

	Common Stock	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock	Total
Balance, December 31, 2001	\$ 261,743	\$ 3,292,185	\$(1,005,833)	\$ 2,548,095
Net income	-	241,047	-	241,047
Dividends on common stock				
(\$200 per share)	_	(133,600)	-	(133,600)
Balance, December 31, 2002	261,743	3,399,632	(1,005,833)	2,655,542
Net income		378,001	-	378,001
Balance, December 31, 2003	\$ 261,743	\$ 3,777,633	\$(1,005,833)	\$ 3,033,543

## Sage, Rutty & Co., Inc. Statements of Cash Flows Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

	2003	2002
Cash flows from operating activities  Net income	\$ 378,001	\$ 241,047
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by	Ψ 370,001	Ψ 2+1,0+7
operating activities		
Depreciation	69,535	97,775
Deferred income taxes	53,110	13,620
Unrealized gain on secruities, net	(302,700)	(231,234)
Realized loss on investments	-	142,468
(Increase) decrease in operating assets		·
Firm margin deposit	28,547	422,368
Receivable from brokers and dealers	(27,371)	23,645
Deposits and other assets	4,845	49,405
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities		
Payable to brokers and dealers	(487,140)	(413,060)
Accrued compensation and related payroll taxes	40,444	(66,999)
Accrued profit sharing plan	(20,000)	15,000
Income taxes currently payable	(16,387)	38,140
Other liabilities		5,000
Total adjustments	(657,117)	96,128
Net cash provided by operating activities	(279,116)	337,175
Cash flows from investing activities		
Net purchase of securities in Firm account	(76,915)	353,784
Capital expenditures	(9,233)	(44,402)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(86,148)	309,382
Cash flows from financing activities		
Dividends paid	-	(133,600)
Decrease in accrued dividends payable	(66,800)	<u> </u>
Net cash used in financing activities	(66,800)	(133,600)
Net increase in cash	(432,064)	512,957
Cash		
Beginning of year	1,241,908	728,951
End of year	\$ 809,844	\$1,241,908
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information		
Cash paid during the year for interest	\$ 31,982	\$ 38,540
Cash paid during the year for income taxes	113,593	-
Supplemental disclosures of noncash financing activities Dividends declared but not paid	-	66,800

#### 1. The Company

The Company is a Securities Broker engaged in the purchase and sale of securities for its customers. The Company's customers are comprised of corporate, institutional and individual investors. The Company executes transactions and introduces them to a Clearing Broker, a New York Stock Exchange Member Firm, on a fully disclosed basis.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Method of Income Recognition

Security transactions are recorded on a settlement date basis which is not materially different from trade date accounting, as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Commission income and expenses are reflected in the financial statements as of the settlement date. Underwriting fees are recorded at the time the underwriting is completed and the income is reasonably determinable.

#### **Statement of Cash Flows**

The Company has defined cash equivalents as highly liquid investments, with original maturities of less than 90 days that are not held for sale in the ordinary course of business.

#### Securities in Firm Account

Securities in trading and investment accounts are valued at market and unrealized gains or losses are recorded as income or loss. Unrealized gain in 2003 and 2002 amounted to \$ 302,700 and \$231,234, respectively.

The Company's trading securities are purchased on margin from its Clearing Broker. The Company must maintain an appropriate balance in an account held by the Clearing Broker to maintain these securities. This balance amounted to \$234,511 and \$263,058 at December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

#### Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. The Company has adopted accelerated methods of calculating depreciation for all assets using estimated useful lives of five to ten years. When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Company accounts for income taxes under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109. This statement requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the carrying amounts and the tax bases of assets and liabilities.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### 3. Securities in Firm Account

Securities in Firm account are comprised of the following:

	20	2003		002
	Market	Cost	Cost Market	
Bonds	\$ 1,127,605	1,115,713	\$ 1,607,877	\$ 1,602,853
Common stocks	1,636,722	924,985	776,836	360,931
	\$ 2,764,327	\$ 2,040,698	\$ 2,384,713	\$ 1,963,784

#### 4. Fixed Assets

The Company's fixed assets are comprised of the following:

2003		2002
\$ 366,415	\$	366,415
122,009		127,871
 37,463		37,463
 525,887	-	531,749
 (337,399)		(282,960)
\$ 188,488	\$	248,789
\$	\$ 366,415 122,009 37,463 525,887 (337,399)	\$ 366,415 122,009 37,463 525,887 (337,399)

Depreciation expense charged to operations for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 amounted to \$69,535 and \$97,775, respectively. At December 31, 2003 and 2002, all cost and accumulated depreciation attributable to fully depreciated fixed assets were written off.

#### 5. Employee Benefit Plans

The Company has a profit sharing plan, qualified under the Internal Revenue Code, covering all fultime employees with one year of service. Subject to certain limitations, the Company may make annual contributions to the plan of up to 15 percent of salaries paid to individuals participating in the plan. Distributions are made to participants or their beneficiaries upon retirement, death, permanent disability or other termination of employment, but are subject to forfeiture under certain conditions. The expense for the plan for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 amounted to \$40,000 and \$60,000, respectively.

The Company has established a contributory defined contribution 401(k) plan which covers substantially all employees. Under this plan, eligible employees are allowed to contribute up to 100 percent of their pay (subject to annual legal limitations).

#### 6. Income Taxes

The provision for income tax expense for the years ended December 31 consists of the following:

2003		2002
\$ 76,074	\$	61,921
 21,132		19,730
 97,206		81,651
 53,110		13,624
\$ 150,316	\$	95,275
	\$ 76,074 21,132 97,206 53,110	\$ 76,074 \$ 21,132 97,206 53,110

The deferred income tax expense for 2003 and 2002 results from the impact of temporary differences between assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the balances for tax purposes.

The components of the deferred tax assets and (liabilities) as of December 31 consists of the following:

	2003	2002
Depreciation	\$ 78,517	\$ 63,510
Realized carry over of capital loss	56,988	-
Unrealized investment gain, net	(232,435)	(107,330)
	\$ (96,930)	\$ (43,820)

The effective tax rate is different from the federal statutory rate of 34 percent due principally to tax exempt income of approximately \$97,000 and \$44,000 in 2003 and 2002, respectively, as well as state taxes, net of federal tax benefits.

#### 7. Line of Credit

The Company has a line of credit with a commercial bank. The line is collateralized by substantially all of the Company's assets and bears interest at the bank's prime rate. The agreement allows the Company to borrow up to \$750,000. The line of credit was unused as of December 31, 2003 and 2002.

#### 8. Lease Commitment

The Company operates under a lease agreement expiring August 31, 2009. Under the agreement, the Company will pay \$140,000 annually and at the end of the lease term have the option to extend the agreement for up to an additional ten years.

#### 9. Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Credit Risk

As discussed in Note 1, the Company executes transactions and introduces them to a Clearing Broker on a fully disclosed basis. The Company's exposure to credit risk associated with nonperformance of its customers in fulfilling their contractual obligations pursuant to securities transactions can be directly impacted by volatile trading markets which may impair the customers' ability to satisfy their obligations to the Company.

The Company, through its Clearing Broker, seeks to control these risks by requiring customers to maintain sufficient levels of collateral in compliance with various regulatory and internal guidelines. The Company's Clearing Broker monitors required margin levels daily and, pursuant to such guidelines, requires the customers to deposit additional collateral, or reduce positions, when necessary. The Company's policy is to monitor its market exposure risk. In addition, the Company has a policy of reviewing, as considered necessary, the credit standing of each customer with which it conducts business.

#### 10. Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the requirements of Rule 15c3-1 ("the net capital rule") under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, as both defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1 (and the rule of the "applicable" exchange also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1). On December 31, 2003, the Company has net capital (as defined) of \$2,427,866 of which \$2,177,866 excess of its required net capital of \$250,000. The Company's net capital ratio was .09 to 1.

# Sage, Rutty & Co., Inc. Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission Year Ended December 31, 2003

Ye	ar Ended December 31, 2003		Schedule I
1.	Total ownership equity		\$ 3,033,543
2.	Deduct: Ownership equity not allowable for net capital		-
3.	Total ownership equity qualified for net capital		3,033,543
4.	Add:		
	A. Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors		
	allowable in computation of net capital	\$ -	
	B. Other (deductions) or allowable credits	-	
5.	Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities		3,033,543
6.	Deductions and/or charges:		
	A. Total non-allowable assets from Statement of Financial	260.000	
	Condition:	360,902	
	Additional charges for customers' and non-customers'		
	security accounts  2. Additional charges to customers' and non-customers'	-	
	commodity accounts	-	
	B. Aged fail-to-deliver:		
	1. Number of items	-	
	C. Aged short security differences	-	
	D. Secured demand note deficiency	-	
	E. Commodity futures contracts and spot commodities	-	
	F. Other deductions and/or charges	-	(360,902)
	G. Deductions for accounts carried under Rule 15c3-1(a)(6),		
	(a)(7) and (c)(2)(x)		-
7.	Other additions and/or allowable credits		
8.	Net capital before haircuts on securities positions		2,672,641
9.	Haircuts on securities:		
	A. Contractual securities commitments		
	B. Subordinated securities borrowings		
	<ul><li>C. Trading and investment securities:</li><li>1. Bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit and</li></ul>		
	commercial paper		
	2. U.S. and Canadian Government obligations	55,228	
	3. State and Municipal Government obligations	, <u>,</u>	
	4. Corporate obligations		
	5. Stocks and warrants	153,527	
	6. Options		
	7. Arbitrage		
	8. Other securities	26.020	
	<ul><li>D. Undue concentration</li><li>E. Other</li></ul>	36,020	(244 775)
1.0			<u>(244,775)</u>
10	. Net capital		\$ 2,427,866

## Sage, Rutty & Co., Inc. Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission Year Ended December 31, 2003

Year Ended December 31, 2003	 Schedule I
Computation of Basic Net Capital Requirement  11. Minimum net capital required (6-2/3% of line 19)	\$ 13,771
12. Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker and dealer	250,000
<ul><li>13. Net capital requirement (greater of line 11 or 12)</li><li>14. Excess net capital (line 10 less line 13)</li></ul>	250,000 2,177,866
15. Excess net capital at 1,000% (line 10 less 10% of line 19)	\$ 2,407,209
<ul><li>16. Total A.I. liabilities from Statement of Financial Condition</li><li>17. Add:</li></ul>	\$ 206,571
A Drafts for immediate credit  B.Market value of securities borrowed for which no equivalent value is paid or credited  C.Other unrecorded amounts (list)	\$ -
18. Deduct: Adjustment based on deposits in Special Reserve Bank Accounts	- <u> </u>
19. Total aggregate indebtedness	\$ 206,571
20. Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	8.5%
Statement Pursuant to Paragraph (d)(4) of Rule 17a-5 Differences between this computation of net capital and the corresponding computation prepared by Sage, Rutty & Co., Inc. and included in the Company's unaudited Part IIA FOCUS IIA Report filing as of the same date, consisted of the following:	
Excess net capital per the Company's FOCUS Report	4 1 202 050
(unaudited) Adjustments made to income and expense accounts which increase ownership equity	\$ 1,883,050 41,359
Decrease in non-allowable assets deducted	253,457
Excess net capital per this computation	\$ 2,177,866

Sage, Rutty & Co., Inc.
Computation for Determination of Reserve and Information for Possession or Control Requirements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

Schedule II

#### Exemption Under SEC Rule 15c3-3 Section (k)(2)(ii) Has Been Claimed

The Company promptly transmits all funds received in connection with its activities as a broker-dealer, and does not otherwise hold funds or securities for, or owe money or securities to, customers.